THE STORY OF A MAN AND GOD-

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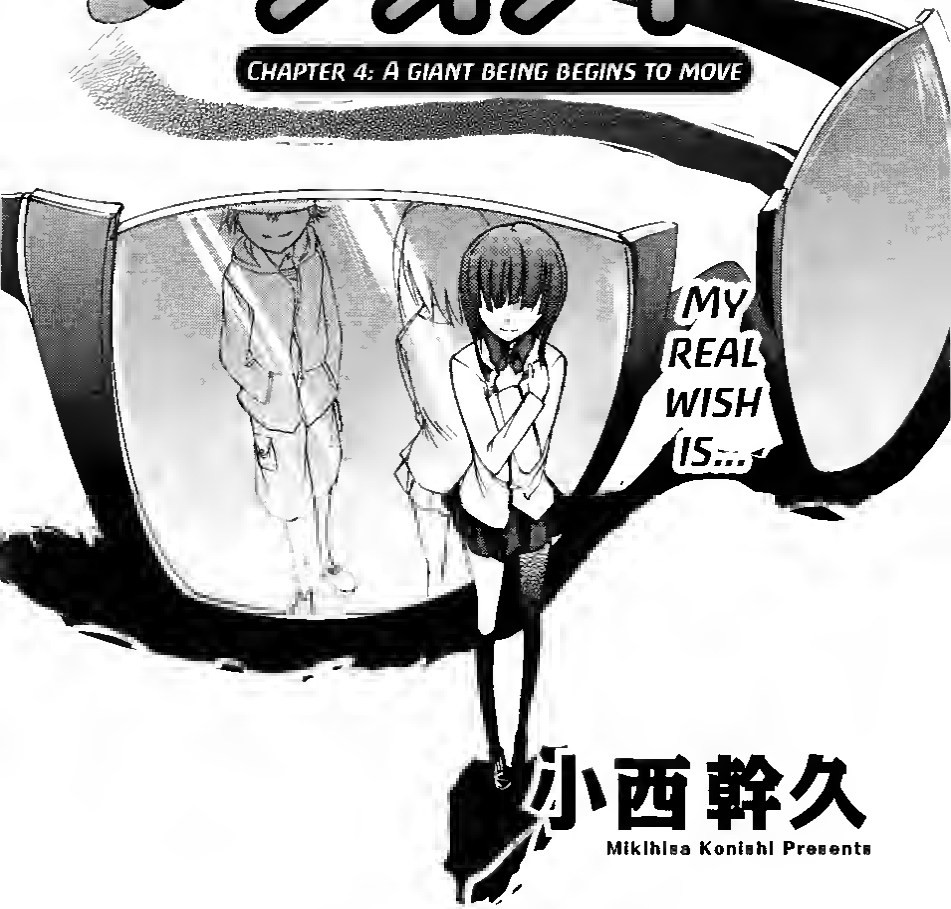
CHAPTER 4: A GIANT BEING BEGINS TO MOVE



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I WAS UP LATE WATCHING ANIME AND I LOST TRACK OF TIME... HAA HAA.
CRAP... HAA, HAA I'M GOING~ TO BE LATE...
HAA
HAA
HAA
HAA
HAA
HAA
HAA
HAA
ALLOW ME TO EXPLAIN!
FROM THIS WEEK ON, THERE'LL BE A NEW
ANI
-ME.
A GIANT'S FOOT THRUSTS DOWN FROM THE HEAVENS-?!

PAN...
A BLUE SKY AND...
TIES ..?
YOU'RE CHASING AFTER HER ARIYUKI?
OF COURSE!!
IF WHAT YOU SAY'S TRUE...
!!?
THAT WRECKED UP GUY ON THE FLOOR IS KAMEJI...
MO ...
UWAAH! IF HE KEEPS LOSING BLOOD LIKE THAT, HE'S GOING TO DIE!!
MOE

OI, KAMEJI?! GET AHOLD OF YOURSELF!!
I'M... I'M... FINE...
FU FU FU
UFU FUFU FUFU FUFU FUFU ..... PANTIES~ PANT~
Nose bleed
SUCH BIG.. PANTIES~ FUFU FUFU FUFU
.....
CALM DOWN PUNCH !!!!!!!
TAKE GOD'S PUNISHMENT!
GUAAAAAAAA...
TCH. SHE GOT AWAY WHILE I WAS DEALING WITH THIS IDIOT...
YEAH
AND SHE'S JUST WALKING TOO...
BUT, THAT'S TO BE EXPECTED.
SO THIS IS GOD'S POWER...!!

YEAH, LIKE DARUMIRU.
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...
GOD?
SO THAT GIANT GIRL IS HIS VESSEL?
CAN YOU SEE HIM? THE GUY RIDING ON HER SHOULDER
HE'S A GOD...

THERE ARE TWO GODS?!
BUT IF THERE ARE TWO GODS, THEN THAT MEANS...
ONE MANAGED TO MANIFEST... IT'S JUST AS I PREDICTED...
ISN'T DARUMIRU-CHAN... THE ONLY GOD?
THIS IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM.
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THINK ABOUT IT THIS WAY.
DO HUMANS ONLY HAVE ONE WISH?

AFTER SEEING THAT, YOU HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO BELIEVE THAT I'M RIGHT.
THIS IS YOUR ANSWER.

YOU'RE WRONG YOU IDIOT!
SO YOU'RE GOING TO PAY HOMAGE TO THE HUGE PANTIES.
You're a true man
ARIYUKI-KUN... YOU'RE GOING AFTER HER AREN'T YOU.
YEAH.
ANYWAY, I NEED TO GET GOING.
SEE YA.
IF IT'S SOMETHING ABOUT GOD.
I CAN'T JUST IGNORE WHAT'S GOING ON,
AND,
THAT FIGURE...
ズズズ...
BESIDES, I CAN'T LEAVE SOMETHING THAT LARGE ALONE.

WHY'D YOU COME KAMEJI?! IT'S DANGEROUS!!
THE CLOSER WE GET, THE LARGER THE SHOCKWAVES FROM HER FOOTSTEPS BECOME!!
HMPH, YOU'RE ONE TO TALK!!
AND THAT'S WHY, IF I'M NOT HERE TO WATCH OUT FOR YOU, YOU'LL PROBABLY GET HIT BY A CAR OR SOMETHING.
BECAUSE, WHEN YOU'RE SET ON SOMETHING, YOU TEND TO NOT PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR SURROUNDINGS ARIYUKI-KUN!!
OOU?! EVERY-THING'S GETTING
GOOD MORNING OBAA-CHAN
IF SHE'S NOT CAREFUL, JUST BY STEPPING DOWN, SHE'LL MAKE A HUGE DISASTER...
YOU SHOULD AT LEAST THINK ABOUT WHAT MIGHT HAVE CAUSED HER TO BECOME A GIANT IN THE FIRST PLACE!!
SERI-OUSLY!!
GOOD MORNING
WHAT'LL I DO?! I'LL CHASE HER DOWN WITH ALL MY STRENGTH, AND THEN I'LL...
YOU DON'T HAVE A PLAN!?
ANYWAY ARIYUKI-KUN, WHAT DO YOU PLAN ON DOING AFTER CHASING HER DOWN?!
BUUUT!! WHAT'S EVEN MORE DANGEROUS THAN THAT IS...
THAT'S RIGHT... THAT GIANT BODY OF HERS IS REALLY DANGEROUS!!

THOSE GIANT PANTIES!!
PANTIES HERE I COME!!
HAA
HAA
HAA
DARUMIRU, LET'S DITCH THAT IDIOT AND THINK OF SOME KIND OF PLAN.
YEAH
SMALL ONES ARE ALSO MARVELOUS!!

KAMEJI HAS BEEN DEFEATED!!
HUH? DID YOU HEAR SOME-THING WEIRD JUST NOW?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT ARIYUKI.
SHE'S WAY TOO FAST...
HAA...
DAMN!
I CAN'T~ CATCH UP...

YEAH~
THAT HUGE WOMAN!! YOU KNOW HER?!
EH?!
SHE'S TOO BIG... THAT KAMIKURA...
THAT'S KAMIKURA YUKARI.
SHE'S THE GIRL I BUMPED INTO AT SCHOOL YESTERDAY
AT FIRST I WASN'T SURE BUT~
NOW I'M CERTAIN.
KAMIKURA PROBABLY ALSO REALIZES THAT NO ONE NOTICES HER...
OR AT LEAST REMEMBER HER THAT MUCH.
IT'S RUDE YOU KNOW...
EVEN KAMEJI DIDN'T REMEMBER HER THOUGH~
KAMIKURA? I DON'T KNOW HER.
?
HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO REVERSE HER GIANTIFICATION
COME TO THINK OF IT, EVEN IF WE MANAGE TO CATCH UP TO HER, THERE'S NO WAY SHE CAN HEAR US FROM HERE
EH?
REMOVE THE GIANTI-FICATION?
THERE'S NO NEED TO DO THAT ARIYUKI.

THE REASON WHY GODS WERE PUT ON THIS EARTH,
IS TO GRANT PEOPLE'S WISHES.
I APPEARED TO GRANT YOUR WISH ARIYUKI.
LIKEWISE, THAT GOD APPEARED TO GRANT THAT YUKARI PERSON'S WISH.

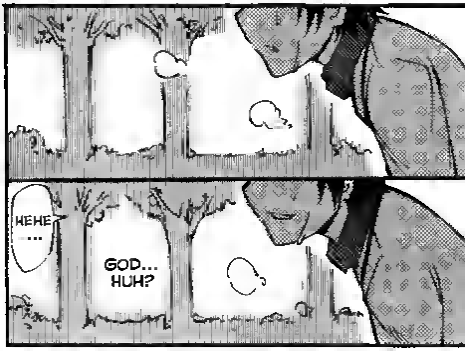
IT'S WONDERFUL DON'T YOU THINK? THE VESSEL WISHED TO BE RECOGNIZED.
AND THAT WISH WAS GRANTED.

IN OTHER WORDS, THAT GIRL WANTED TO BECOME A GIANT.

IF YOU MAKE A WISH TO GOD,
NO MATTER WHAT IT IS, IT WILL BE GRANTED.

IF I WANT MY HOUSE TO GET FIXED, IT'LL REALLY GET FIXED.

IF I WANT A SECRET TECHNIQUE, I'LL GET ONE.


HEHE...
GOD... HUH?

GODS REALLY ARE AMAZING AREN'T THEY....

IF ANYTHING, I UNDERSTAND THAT GODS ARE AMAZING.
AND IF SOMEONE WANTED TO BECOME A HUGE GIANT, YOU CAN EVEN DO THAT?
... BUT
THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM HERE.
THE REAL PROBLEM IS THAT,
THAT POWER IS CAUSING KAMIKURA TO SUFFER.

YOU DON'T GET IT?

WHAT?
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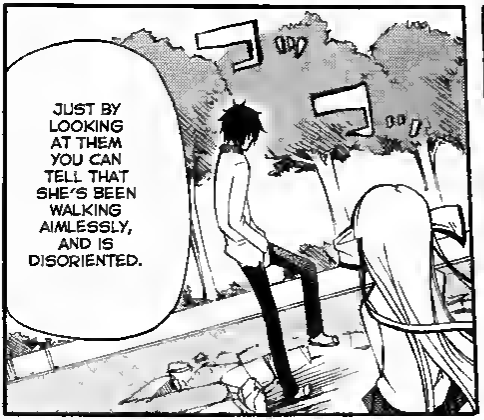
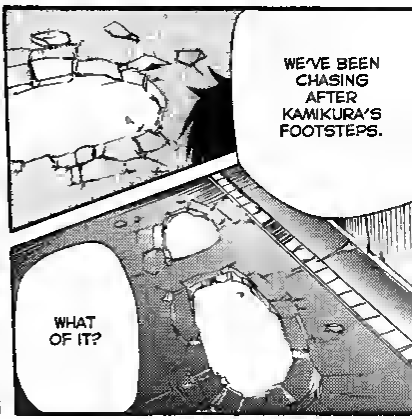

JUST BY LOOKING AT THEM YOU CAN TELL THAT SHE'S BEEN WALKING AIMLESSLY, AND IS DISORIENTED.


WE'VE BEEN CHASING AFTER KAMIKURA'S FOOTSTEPS.
WHAT OF IT?

IT'S AS IF SHE'S WANDERING AROUND LOOKING FOR SALVATION.
MOST IMPOR-TANTLY, LOOK AT THAT.

HOW DID A PUDDLE GET THERE?
IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT, IT ISN'T RAINING RIGHT?
THOSE PUDDLES ARE ALSO ONLY WHERE KAMIKURA HAS BEEN.

SHE'S CRYING.
I DON'T KNOW WHY SHE'S LIKE THAT THOUGH
I ONLY KNOW THAT SHE'S CRYING.

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IMPOSSIBLE... AFTER GETTING THEIR WISH GRANTED.
THERE'S NO WAY ANYONE WOULD BE SAD...
I WANT TO END KAMIKURA'S GIANTIFICATION.
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I HAVE A WISH, GOD.

FOR WHO'S SAKE ARE YOU WISHING?
HOWEVER, LET ME ASK YOU.
I KNOW HOW TO GRANT THOSE.
I'M NOT LIKE THE HEROES THAT LIVE IN THAT BLACK BOX*.
I CAN'T PROTECT ANY TOWNS, OR SAVE ANYONE.
GRANDIOSE ACTS OF HEROISM AREN'T THINGS I CAN DO.
*NOTE: HE MEANS THE TV
WHAT IF ...
I JUST WANTED TO HELP A CRYING GIRL?
AND A GIRL I KNOW, EVEN?

I THINK WANTING TO BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT IS "NORMAL".
THAT'S WHY I'M MAKING THIS WISH FOR MYSELF.
RIGHT?
BECAUSE I LIKE BEING "NORMAL."

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UMM…
FEELS KIND OF WEIRD
HERE WE GO
WHAT ARE YOU DOING…
ONE GO YOU SAY?! HOW ARE YOU GOING TO DO THAT?! AND WHAT ARE WE EVEN GOING TO DO WHEN WE GET THERE!!?
SHUT UP AND LET ME CONCENTRATE!
TRYING TO RUN ALL THE WAY TO WHERE SHE IS WOULD BE A PAIN.
THAT'S WHY WE'RE GOING TO GET THERE IN ONE GO.
THAT GUY IS USING A REALLY STRONG POWER.
BUT HE PROBABLY CAN'T KEEP IT UP IF HE'S NOT IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH HIS VESSEL.

WITH A DIRECT ATTACK!!
DIRECT ATTACK?!
GET HIM OFF HER SHE'LL GO BACK TO NORMAL!! BUT- HOW ARE WE GOING TO DO THAT?!
I SEE, SO IF WE CAN JUST
BECAUSE EACH ACTION HAS AN EQUAL AND OPPOSITE
RE-ACTION!!
WE'RE GOING TO USE THE REPULSIVE FORCE BETWEEN OBJECTS TO LAUNCH YOU STRAIGHT TO HER!
THAT MIGHT BE, BUT STILL!! MY HEART ISN'T READY...
STOP COM-PLAINING!! THIS IS WHAT YOU WISHED FOR.
HEY WAIT ... CAN YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN BETTER ...
UOOOO?! THIS DOESN'T SOUND GOOD!!

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AND THIS IS WHAT SHE GETS?
YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING ME
IF YOU CALL YOURSELF GOD.
UOO OOO OOO !!!!!!!!

OOOOOOOOO
MAXIMIZER
KHHHHCK!!
YOU SHOULD AT LEAST TRY AND SAVE PEOPLE!!

EEE HHH HHH !!!???
What a small voice!!!
They were so small Kamikura didn't notice them.
I'm falling... falling- ...ing-

PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT THIS!!
YESTERDAY, A GIANT PERSON APPEARED IN KAMIGOSHI!!
IF YOU COMPARE IT TO THE SURROUNDING BUILDINGS, HER HEIGHT WOULD BE AROUND...
OVER 40 METERS!!!
IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT, SHE'S ABOUT AS LARGE AS ULTRAMAN!! SHE'S ALMOST AS TALL AS 380 KAMEN RIDERS STACKED TOGETHER.
TL NOTE 1 ROUGHLY 120FT
TL NOTE 2 ULTRAMAN AND KAMEN RIDER ARE POPULAR COMICS IN JAPAN FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DON'T KNOW
AMAZING, SHE'S EVEN IN THE NEWS.
FEELS KIND OF WEIRD
PANTY FLASH ..
WHO WOULD'VE EVER THOUGHT THE DAY WOULD COME WHEN SOMETHING LIKE THIS GETS SHOWN ON THE NEWS...
BUT I SEE PANTIES ALL THE TIME, IS THAT PANTY FLASHING TOO?
PEEKING + PANTIES
= PANTY FLASH?
SO, IS IT LIKE THIS? I CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN WITH MY POWERS AS GOD.
SO FOR YOU IT DOESN'T MATTER IF THEY'RE REAL PANTIES OR PANTIES ON TV, EITHER WAY WORKS HUH.
I CAN'T HELP BUT PEEK.
HUMANS CAN'T GO AGAINST THEIR INSTINCTS AFTER ALL.
BUT WE WERE REALLY SAVED THERE. NO ONE SAW HER FACE SO THEY COULDN'T TELL WHO SHE WAS.
THAT'S SOMETHING AT LEAST...

THE ONLY REAL PROBLEM LEFT...
IS YOU, HUH?
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WHAT THE HELL IS WITH YOU GUYS...
TL NOTE: THIS GUY TALKS IN A KANSAI ACCENT, BUT I'M BAD AT PORTRAYING IT, SO IT LOOKS NORMAL
SUDDENLY KICKING ME, A GOD, LIKE THAT!!
AND YOU EVEN TIED ME UP!!
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ON TOP OF THAT YOU'RE HOLDING ME PRISONER!! UNBELIEVABLE!!
DO YOU KNOW HOW RUDE THIS IS?!

HE'S BEEN LIKE THAT SINCE YESTERDAY...
SHUT UP FOR A BIT WILL YA?
I'M A GOD YOU KNOW?! HOW DARE YOU!!
UNTIE ME!! UNTIE ME RIGHT NOW!!
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I WON'T TURN YUKARI INTO A GIANT AGAIN!!
HELL
HURRY UP AND LET ME GO!!

COME TO THINK OF IT, WHY ARE YOU KEEPING HIM HERE ANYWAY?

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? THERE'S NO WAY I'D MAKE HER SAD.

THE WAY YOU ARE NOW, YOU'RE PROBABLY THINKING OF NOTHING OTHER THAN GOING BACK AND DOING IT AGAIN.
IF I DON'T TAKE PRECAUTIONS, THEN YOU'LL MAKE KAMIKURA SAD AGAIN.

THERE'S NO ONE THAT'D BE SAD IF THEIR WISH WAS GRANTED!!
IT'S TRUE THAT SHE DIDN'T THANK ME BUT.
GODS GRANT PEOPLE'S WISHES.
SHE WISHED TO STAND OUT.
SO I MADE HER HUGE SO SHE WOULD STAND OUT MORE.
SO KAMIKURA WISHED TO BECOME HUGE?
HOW WAS I SUPPOSED TO KNOW THAT?
A WISH IS A WISH YOU KNOW.
THAT WASN'T WHAT SHE MEANT WHEN SHE SAID SHE WANTED TO STAND OUT.

Don't just say whatever you want!!
Come on you two!! Just calm down for now...
What's this? Ya wanna go at it?
What'd you say?!
What was that?!
Ding Dong
You're no god, you're a demon!!
Seriously you humans!!
Coming~ Who is it?
What the hell.
You're a god too?
Why don't you say something!!
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H...
HELLO~
ASATA
-KUN.
KAMI-
KURA?
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I-I THINK I JUST HEARD SOMETHING JUST NOW.
AHH
OH, THAT'S NOTHING!! DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
BUT ANYWAYS... WHY DID YOU COME HERE?
AH, I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE YOU WERE OK!!
WELL, BECAUSE OF THE WHOLE FIASCO WITH THE GIANT STUFF YESTERDAY, I ENDED UP TAKING THE DAY OFF FROM SCHOOL TODAY BUT,
I DECIDED TO COME FROM SCHOOL AND MAKE SURE THAT YOU WERE OK... THAT'S WHY...
I SEE.
AS YOU CAN SEE, I'M DOING FINE.
THANKS.
Y-YEAH.
WHAT'S WITH YOU YUKARI!! YOU'RE LOOKING AT ME LIKE I'M A STRANGER OR SOMETHING!
YOU'VE GOT THIS LONG FACE ON AND YOU'RE NOT SAYING ANYTHING.
DARUMURU'S DOING FINE TOO!! IF YOU'D LIKE YOU CAN READ...
UMM
....

ASATA-KUN, DO YOU KNOW WHO THAT GIANT PERSON...
WAS?
...
... NO
THAT WAS ME...

-...I
IS THAT ALL RIGHT?
ANYWAYS, THERE'S SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU...
SORRY ABOUT THAT... SUDDENLY SAYING SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
NO, NO, IT'S FINE!!?
BUT I KEPT WORRYING ABOUT IT AND WASN'T ABLE TO CHANGE.
I HATED THE ME THAT WAS LESS NOTICEABLE THAN A SHADOW. I HATED THE ME THAT HAD NO FRIENDS.
"I WANT TO STAND OUT LIKE THAT TOO," I THOUGHT.
SHE WAS SO BOLD AND OUT-GOING...
AND THEN DARUMIRU TRANS-FERRED HERE.
I WISHED I COULD BE LIKE HER.

SEE?! I JUST GRANTED YUKARI'S WISH, THAT'S ALL!!
SHH! BE QUIET...
AND THEN BEFORE YOU REALIZED IT, YOU BECAME HUGE HUH?
YEAH... HUGE~
I BET YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME...
AND THEN?
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT HAVING YOUR WISH GRANTED?
IT WAS HORRIBLE.

I DON'T EVER WANT TO HAVE TO FEEL THAT SCARED AND LONELY... EVER AGAIN.
WHEN I OPENED MY EYES WHILE I WAS HUGE...
THE BIRDS WERE BELOW ME...
I COULDN'T EVEN SPEAK!! I COULDN'T CALL OUT TO ANYONE FOR HELP!!
IF I'D KEPT ON GOING, THE ENTIRE TOWN MIGHT'VE~!!

NIGHT-MARE ...
IT WAS PROBABLY JUST A NIGHTMARE THAT YOU HAD.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, THERE'S NO WAY THAT WOULD HAPPEN. THERE'S NOT EVEN ANY EVIDENCE.
YEAH, THAT MIGHT BE TRUE...
AH, I SEE... THEN THAT'S FINE,
HAHAHA
HAVE YOU TOLD THIS TO ANYONE ELSE?
NO, JUST YOU ASATA-KUN...
SORRY ABOUT THAT.
NAH, IT WASN'T ANY TROUBLE!
YOU HAD TO LISTEN TO SUCH A STUPID STORY...
I FEEL AT EASE TALKING TO YOU.
SOME-HOW
IS THAT SO...
AH, KAMIKURA, HOLD ON!!
IF YOU'RE ENJOYING YOUR-SELF, THEN I'LL...

I'M A GOD.
I JUST GRANT PEOPLE'S WISHES.
I CAN'T BELIEVE SOMETHING SO STUPID...
SHE WISHED FOR THAT BUT STILL ....
THAT WAS WHAT SHE WANTED BUT STILL ...
IT ENDED UP BEING SOMETHING BAD.
THAT'S NOT ENTIRELY TRUE.

KAMIKURA LEFT THIS BEHIND BEFORE SHE LEFT.
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THAT ...
!!?
COMMUNICATION: HOW TO MAKE FRIENDS
I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU.
EVEN IF IT WAS A NIGHTMARE,
AND WHEN SHE WAS TALKING TO ME, SHE WAS ABLE TO CONVERSE PROPERLY.
IF SHE'S THINKING LIKE THAT, THEN SHE MUST HAVE GOTTEN OVER HER FEARS!!

SHE WASN'T ANXIOUS OR NERVOUS AT ALL.
SHE WENT ALL THE WAY TO HER CLASSMATE'S HOUSE TO DO SUCH A THING.
SHE'S REALLY CHANGED.
SHE EVEN VOLUNTEERED TO CHECK UP ON ARIYUKI.
Normally that's the homeroom teacher's job.
AND IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU.
HMPH, SEE? I'M GOD AFTER ALL.
IT'S A GIVEN THAT SHE'D BE HAPPY!!

I'LL FORGIVE YOU THIS TIME!! THIS IS THE ONLY TIME, GOT IT?!
WE GET IT ALREADY, SO GET OFF THE TABLE, IT'S RUDE.
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GOD IS MERCIFUL YOU KNOW!! I'LL FORGIVE YOU FOR KICKING ME AND TYING ME UP!!
HIS ATTITUDE CHANGED PRETTY QUICKLY
AH,
WAIT A MINUTE!
WHAT!?
ANYWAY, I'M LEAVING NOW!!
WHY ARE YOU GOING FROM THE WINDOW?
SHUT UP!! EVERYTHING ENDED UP ALL RIGHT SO IT'S FINE!!
YOU'RE ACTING PRETTY COCKY!! DON'T FORGET, THE WHOLE REASON THIS PROBLEM STARTED WAS BECAUSE YOU SCREWED UP.
YOU'RE A REALLY MEDDLESOME GUY YOU KNOW!!
GET ALONG WELL WITH KAMIKURA.
TRY TO BE MORE PERCEP-TIVE
TALK TO HER PROPERLY ABOUT HER WISHES FROM NOW ON.

WHAT THE HELL!!
UWAA AAAA!!
WHAT'S THIS HUGE STATUE?!
GOD... SURE IS A MYSTERIOUS EXISTENCE..
BEING MISTAKEN LIKE THAT IS USUALLY SOMETHING HUMANS DO.
...
WELL, I DON'T REALLY UNDER-STAND IT TOO WELL BUT,
IT'S LIKE YOU SAID WHEN DARUMIRU FIRST CAME, KAMEJI.
FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS, PEOPLE HAVE BEEN CALLING OUT TO GOD,
THAT'S WHY
I THINK THEY CAN'T BE BAD PEOPLE.

I WISH THAT THAT'S TRULY THE CASE THOUGH.
THAT'S TRUE I GUESS.
YEAH,
DARU-MIRU?
BUT I WAS SURPRISED THAT DARUMIRU WASN'T THE ONLY GOD...
HUH?
WAIT!!
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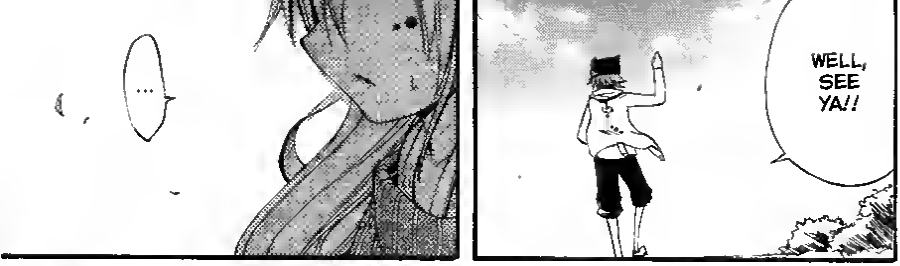
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
YOU'RE THAT ARIYUKI GUY'S GOD RIGHT?
IF I RECALL CORRECTLY...
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?...
YOUR VESSEL ISN'T IN THAT DIRECTION.
I'M JUST GOING THIS WAY.
HUH?
I'M NOT GOING BACK TO MY VESSEL.
THAT WAY LEADS TO...
YOU CAN'T DO THAT!!
I'M GOING THIS WAY!

HUMANS REALLY LIKE DOING WHATEVER THEY WANT YOU KNOW.
I'M AMAZED. THEY PRAY TO GOD TO ANSWER THEIR DESIRES, AND WHEN WE DO, THEY GET DEPRESSED.
NO WAY I'M GOING TO BOTHER WITH THEM!!
YUKARI'S FINE NOW ANYWAY.
SHE'S GOING FORWARD ON HER OWN,
SHE DOESN'T NEED MY POWER.
AREN'T YOU BEING A BIT TOO HASTY?
YOU SHOULD AT LEAST...
GOD EXISTS BECAUSE PEOPLE DESIRE HIS EXISTENCE.

YOU KNOW, OUR ONE WEAKNESS AS GODS IS... THE FEELING OF NO LONGER BEING NEEDED.
IT WAS... THE WORST.
I DON'T EVER WANT TO HAVE TO FEEL THAT SCARED AND LONELY... EVER AGAIN.
WE CEASE TO EXIST ALONG WITH THAT FEELING.
THAT'S WHY I'M A BIT JEALOUS OF YOU.
IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE WANTED THAT YOU'RE STILL ABLE TO BE HERE RIGHT?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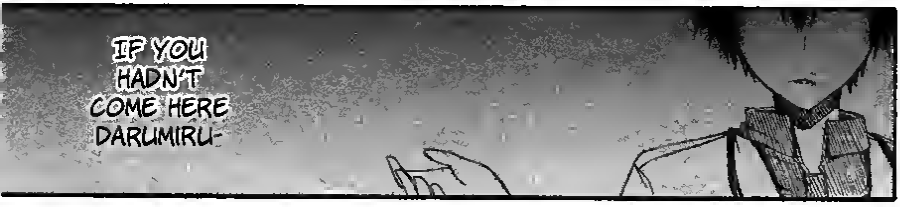
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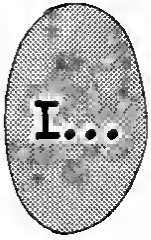
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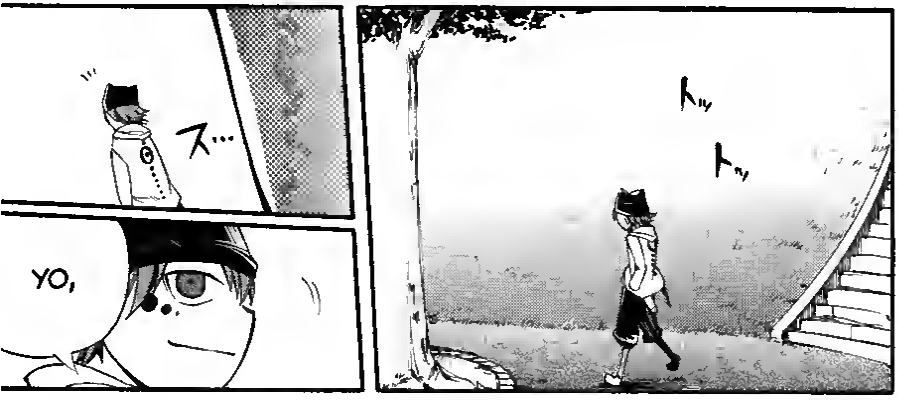
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THE FATE THAT AWAITS A GOD
THAT IS NO LONGER WANTED IS...

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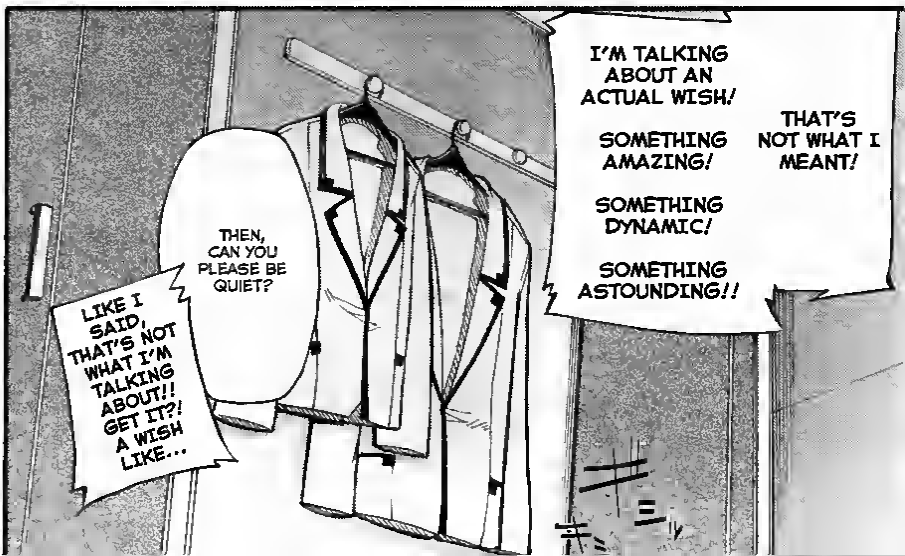
DARUMIRU IS OFFERING TO GRANT ARIYUKI'S WISHES BUT...?!
HEY ARIYUKI
SINCE I'M A GOD,
HAVE YOU ANY WISHES YOU WANT GRANTED?
COUGH
AH...
FOR NOW...

マンガ魂、縦横無尽。
毎月30日発売!! BLADE
EVERY 30TH ON SALE!


I'M TALKING ABOUT AN ACTUAL WISH!
SOMETHING AMAZING!
SOMETHING DYNAMIC!
SOMETHING ASTOUNDING!!
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!
THEN, CAN YOU PLEASE BE QUIET?
LIKE I SAID, THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT!! GET IT?! A WISH LIKE...

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ARIYUKI AND DARUMIRU, JUST WHAT IS THEIR RELATIONSHIP?

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Meteorite of bare foot

CHAPTER 5: GOD IS MAN'S CREATION

HEEY TURTLE-BOY!!
LET'S BUY THIS!!
MEAT!!
MEAT HELPS YOU KNOW!! NO MATTER WHAT THE AILMENT IS, WHETHER IT'S A COLD, OR SOMETHING ELSE, MEAT WILL FIX YOU RIGHT AWAY!
OOOOH! IT'S HALF PRICED!!
HALF-PRICED MEAT!
AND THESE ARE DOMESTICALLY GROWN TOO!! AMAZING!!
IS IT EVEN A GOOD IDEA TO EAT MEAT WHEN YOU'RE SICK?
IT'S FINE! BESIDES, LOOK HERE!
HM?

LET'S GET IT! HALF-PRICE IS A BARGAIN YOU KNOW!!
HAHAHA! HAVE YOU FINALLY ACCEPTED MY POWER AS GOD?! I CAN EVEN SEE INTO THE FUTURE!!
IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE?! LET'S GO LOOK FOR MORE STUFF TO BUY!!
JUST WHAT....
HUH?! I SENSE SOMETHING DANGEROUS NEARBY!
GUAAH...
SUPER DODGE!!!!
THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU GUYS ARE DOING!!?

WHAT WAS THAT, YOU STUCK UP BRAT!!
HOW DARE YOU THROW SOMETHING AT GOD, YOU INSOLENT WENCH!!!
THAT'S BECAUSE I'M GOD....
UOOH?!
THIS IS THE SHOPPING LIST I GOT FROM ARIYUKI-SENPAI!!
WE CANNOT BUY ANYTHING THAT ISN'T WRITTEN ON THIS LIST!!
WAIT FOR ME ARIYUKI-SENPAI!!
JUSTICE IS WITH ME!
I'LL BUY ONLY THE BEST FOR YOU!!
I'LL SHOW YOU THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO OF US!
WHAT?!

HOW FOOLISH, TO THINK THAT YOU COULD MEASURE SOMEONE'S CHARACTER WITH THAT ATTITUDE.
I'M GOD, SO IF ARIYUKI WISHED FOR IT, I COULD GRANT HIM ANYTHING.
HE HAS NO NEED FOR A FLAT GIRL LIKE YOU.
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?!
MAYBE IF YOU ATE BETTER, YOU'D GROW PROPERLY.
BESIDES, AREN'T YOU THE FLAT ONE HERE?
WHAT WAS THAT!?
SIZE ISN'T EVERYTHING!!
BESIDES, I STILL HAVE TIME TO GROW, UNLIKE YOU!!
THINY THINY
WELL,
THE THREE OF US WERE SUPPOSED TO COME HERE TO DO SOME SHOPPING.

SINCE ARIYUKI-KUN CAUGHT A COLD...
COULD YOU GUYS PLEASE DO THE SHOPPING FOR ME ON THE WAY BACK FROM SCHOOL?
Here's the list.
COUGH
LEAVE EVERYTHING TO KOUHAI-K, AND HELP HER CARRY THE BAGS.
NOW YOU GUYS BETTER GET ALONG!!
WELL, THAT'S WHAT WE WERE SUPPOSED TO DO.
COUGH
COUGH
RIGHT?
* GOOD KIDS AND EVEN BAD KIDS SHOULD NEVER DO THIS

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HEY YOU TWO!!
WE'RE IN A STORE RIGHT NOW, SO CALM DOWN...
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IT'S ALREADY BEEN OVER A MONTH SINCE GOD CAME CRASHING INTO HIS LIFE
WITH ALL THESE SUDDEN CHANGES, THE EXHAUSTION MUST BE CATCHING UP TO HIM.
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I'M SLOWLY BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND THE TROUBLES ARIYUKI-KUN DEALS WITH EVERYDAY

Then why don't you cure Ariyuki-senpai's cold?!
Huh?
Besides, you! If you really are God.
...I can't do that
Because he doesn't want me to...
Besides, isn't the reason he got a cold in the first place was because you kept on bothering him the whole time?!
There's no way that's true!! There's no way
I just want to try and cure you!!
It's not like that!!
NO!!
NO!!
Look, don't even try it! There's no way I'm going to let you do it!

But huh, there's still a lot we don't know about "God"...

"I DON'T THINK THEY'RE BAD PEOPLE."
THAT'S WHAT ARIYUKI-KUN SAID, BUT I'M STILL NOT CONVINCED...
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WELL ANYWAY, FOR NOW I NEED TO GO CLEAN UP THE MESS THOSE TWO MADE
AH, SORRY ABOUT THAT, WE'LL LEAVE NOW.
IT'S FINE!
HERE, I'LL HELP YOU PICK UP EVERYTHING.
THANK YOU VERY...
...MUCH...

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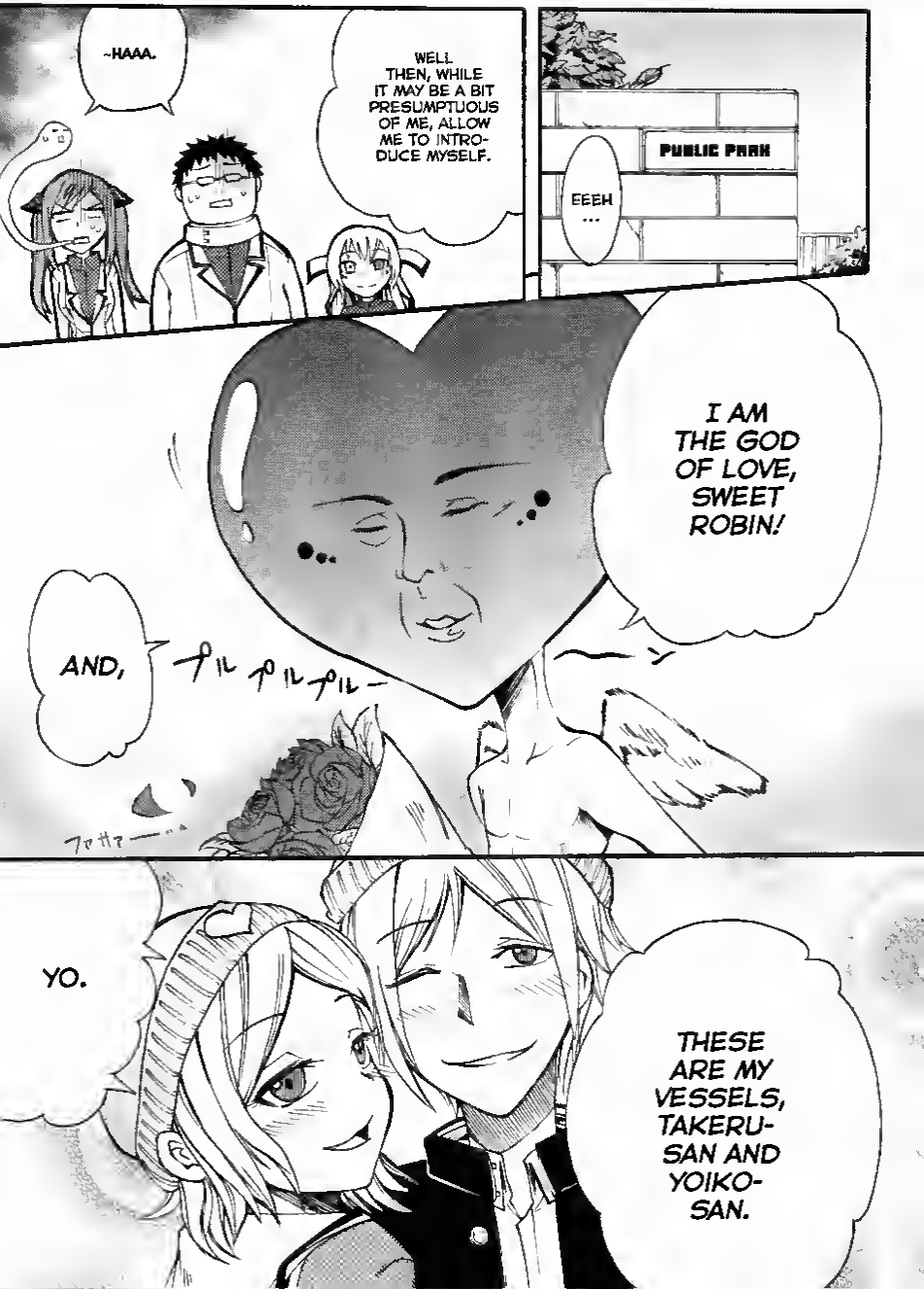
AAAAAAH!
A MONSTER?!
HUH?! HOW RUDE!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WELL THEN, WHILE IT MAY BE A BIT PRESUMPTUOUS OF ME, ALLOW ME TO INTRO-DUCE MYSELF.
PUBLIC PARK
EEEH ...
I AM THE GOD OF LOVE, SWEET ROBIN!
AND,
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ファサァ
YO.
THESE ARE MY VESSELS, TAKERU-SAN AND YOIKO-SAN.

KAMEJI-SENPAI-
WHAT?
WHAT- IS THIS THING? IT CALLS ITSELF A GOD BUT...
WELL IT CERTAINLY ISN'T HUMAN.
BUT IT LOOKS KIND OF DANGEROUS.
EVEN IF YOU PRAISE ME, I WON'T HELP YOU, YOU KNOW.
WE WERE'T PRAISING YOU.
ANYWAYS... WHAT EXACTLY WAS A GOD DOING IN THE GROCERY STORE?
WHY YOU ASK? I WAS SHOPPING OF COURSE.
SHOPPING FOR THIS BOUQUET HERE!
SINCE TODAY'S THEIR ANNIVER-SARY!!
...WHAT?

HE DOES A LOT OF THINGS TO HELP PEOPLE WITH THEIR LOVE.
JUST LIKE HE SAID, THAT GUY IS THE GOD OF LOVE, ROBIN.
HE ALSO HELPED SET UP OUR DATES, AND SET THE MOOD FOR US ETC...
HELLO? IS THIS THE TSUUTENKAKU CAFE?
I'D LIKE TO MAKE A RESERVATION
THESE TWO ARE MAKING OUT PLEASE DO NOT DISTURB.
HE HELPED OUR RELATIONSHIP GET APPROVED BY OUR PARENTS
THOSE TWO REALLY LOVE EACH OTHER!! PLEASE
OTOU-SAN!!
AS YOU CAN SEE, HE HELPED US CELEBRATE OUR ANNIVERSARY
NO MATTER WHAT THEY MAY BE,
GRANTING MY VESSELS' WISHES IS MY MAIN DUTY.
PLEASE DON'T GIVE ME THAT WEIRD EXPRESSION.
EVEN THOUGH HE CALLS HIMSELF A GOD,
SOMEHOW...
ISN'T HE JUST LIKE AN ASSISTANT OR SOMETHING?
THE THINGS HE DOES DON'T SEEM TOO GODLY.

YOU CALL YOURSELF A GOD,
BUT YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE ONE AT ALL...
GO AHEAD.
GO AHEAD.
CAN I TOUCH YOUR HEAD?
BUT YOU REALLY DO LOOK WEIRD FOR A GOD.
WHEN THAT GUY CAME OUT AND SAID "I'M GOD" I THOUGHT I'D PUKE.
I KNOW RIGHT...
DARUMIRU-CHAN SURE IS ACTING WEIRDLY AROUND HIM.
EEEEEEH?! NO WAAAAAY!!
YEAH.
REALLY? I THINK HE'S CUTE!!
BESIDES, NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT HIM, HE'S OBVIOUSLY A GOD.
JUST LOOK AT HIS FACE.
YEAH.

DID YOU GUYS PRAY?
...YEAH.
WHETHER IT WAS BECAUSE OF SCHOOL REGULATIONS OR OUR PARENTS' ATTITUDES, NO MATTER WHAT, WE KEPT ON BEING UNABLE TO MEET
SO WE KEPT PRAYING
"OH GOD, PLEASE LET OUR LOVE BE REALIZED."
GOD WAS CALLED BY THEM...?
THAT'S WHY, RIGHT NOW
WE'RE REALLY HAPPY.

NO MATTER HOW MUCH WE THANK HIM, IT WON'T BE ENOUGH TO REPAY WHAT HE'S DONE FOR US.
YEAH
IT'S NOT A BALLOON BUT,
WHAT, IT'S A BALLOON?!
I BET THAT'S JUST A BALLOON FILLED WITH AIR
BUT...
SUCH AN OBLIVIOUS COUPLE... DANG...
HMMM...

THAT WAS EXHAUSTING.
BUT I'M KIND OF RELIEVED.
HMM?
WELL, THE LAST TIME ANOTHER GOD APPEARED, THERE WAS THAT HUGE COMMOTION ...
I WAS WORRIED ABOUT WHAT THE APPEARANCE OF THE NEXT GOD MIGHT CAUSE.
THEY STILL HAVEN'T FINISHED FIXING ALL THE DAMAGE SHE CAUSED.
IT'S NOT ANYTHING TO BE AFRAID OF. GOD'S EXIST FOR THE SAKE OF PEOPLE, THOUGH THERE IS A BIT OF
A DISCREPANCY BETWEEN WHAT PEOPLE WISH FOR AND WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENS—.
SO BASICALLY, YOU'RE SAYING THAT IT'S HUMANITY'S FAULT FOR HAVING THESE KINDS OF FAULTS TO BEGIN WITH
FUFU...
FUFU FUFU FUFU FUFU ...
THERE'S NO WAY THAT FLAMBOYANT BALLOON WEARING IDIOT IS...
GOD THIS AND GOD THAT...
IT'S REALLY STUPID YOU KNOW...

PLEASE BE CAREFUL SO YOU DON'T GET SPRAYED BY ACCIDENT.
AH, SORRY, I'M WASHING THIS CAR RIGHT NOW SO.
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OUUUUUUCH!!
PINCH
WHAT DID YOU DO THAT FOR?!
AHH...SORRY I THOUGHT IT WAS A COSTUME.
WHAT HAPPENED MICHE-KUN!
THAT VOICE?
UWAA!?
THAT CREEPY LOOKING THING, COULD IT BE?!
TH...
THOSE MARKINGS UNDER THE EYE...
GOD?

YO!!
I'M YOSHIYUKI, AND THIS HERE IS MY GOD, MICHELLIN TOTE.
I DIDN'T THINK I'D MEET ANOTHER GOD HERE.
HI THERE.
SO BLUNT ...
MICHELLIN?
THIS IS MY FIRST TIME SEEING ANOTHER GOD WHAT SHOULD I SAY...
SHU!!
AS A WAY OF GREETING!!
LET ME SHOW YOU THE POWER OF MY GOD!!

ST. ELDRICK'S CAR WASH!!!!!
AS YOU CAN SEE, MICHE-KUN IS A GOD OF CAR WASHING!
CAR WASH ...
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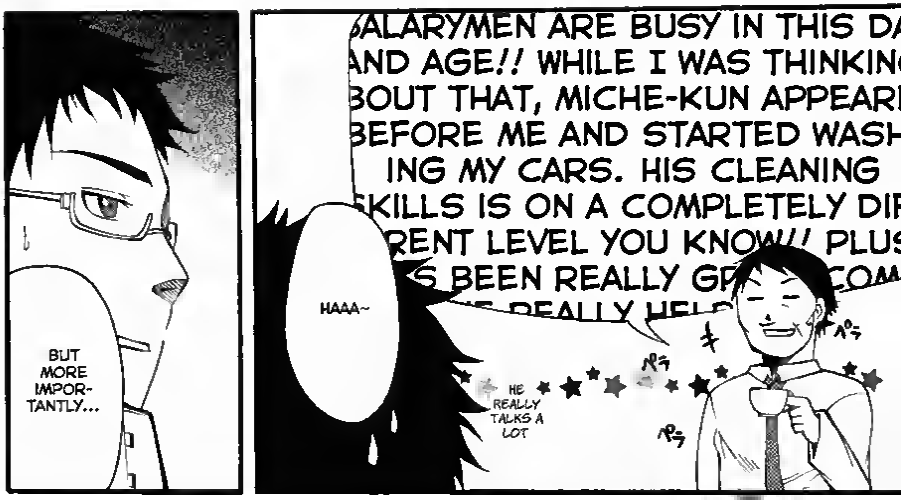
I ALWAYS WISHED "IF ONLY SOMEONE COULD WASH MY CAR FOR ME" ALL THE TIME.
I DIDN'T THINK MY PRAYERS WOULD GET ANSWERED THOUGH ..
DID YOU PRAY TO GOD TOO?


BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY...
SALARYMEN ARE BUSY IN THIS DA
AND AGE!! WHILE I WAS THINKING
BOUT THAT, MICHE-KUN APPEARE
BEFORE ME AND STARTED WASH
ING MY CARS. HIS CLEANING
SKILLS IS ON A COMPLETELY DIF
RENT LEVEL YOU KNOW!! PLUS
S BEEN REALLY GR COM
HAAA~
HE REALLY TALKS A LOT

WHY IS THE FORM OF EACH GOD WE MEET SO DIFFERENT?

IF THE KIND OF WISH IS DIFFERENT, THE VESSEL WILL BE DIFFERENT AS WELL.
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS THAT THEY'D ALL LOOK DIFFER-ENT?

WHEN A GOD APPEARS, IT USUALLY TAKES THE FORM OF A STRONG IMAGE THE VESSEL HAD INSIDE THEIR HEAD.
SOMETHING RELATED TO LOVE.
SOMETHING RELATED TO CARS.
THAT STUPID COUPLE HAD AN IMAGE OF HEARTS IN THEIR HEADS, SO A HEART-SHAPED GOD APPEARED.
MANI-FESTA-TION!!
AND THIS GUY KEEPS ON THINKING ABOUT HIS CAR, SO A GOD LOOKING LIKE THE MICHELLIN MAN APPEARED.
SO A GOD'S APPEARANCE IS JUST A VISUAL IMAGE OF THE PERSON'S WISH...
SO DOES THIS MEAN THAT,
DARUMIRU-CHAN IS ALSO A MANIFESTATION OF ARIYUKI'S WISH?
AAH
MORE THAN BEING THE ANSWER TO ARIYUKI'S WISH
I PICKED THIS APPEARANCE SIMPLY BE-CAUSE IT WAS CONVENIENT.

COME TO THINK OF IT, JUST WHAT ON EARTH IS ARIYUKI-KUN'S WISH?. .
UMMM....
SORRY BUT
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT ANYWAY.
I'M GOING TO GO ON AHEAD ALL RIGHT?
PLEASE GIVE ARIYUKI-SENPAI MY REGARDS.
WHAT'S THIS, YOU'RE RUNNING AWAY?

THOSE OF YOU THAT CALL YOURSELVES GODS,
NO MATTER WHO IT IS, OR WHERE THEY ARE, IF THEY BELIEVE IN GOD,
IF THEY PRAY TO GOD, YOU HAVE TO ANSWER THEIR CALLS.
CAN THAT REALLY BE CALLED FREEDOM?
THAT'S WHY,
PLEASE DON'T PUSH YOUR VIEWS ON ME.

BECAUSE I DON'T BELIEVE IN GOD.
MORE IMPORTANTLY,
WHETHER YOU'RE GOD, OR SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT.
SINCE YOU'RE JUST A BOTHER TO ARIYUKI-SENPAI
I WON'T LET YOU OFF SO EASILY.

HEY DARUMIRU.
ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?
OOH?! YEAH I'M LISTEN-ING?!
YOU LOOKED KIND OF PALE SO I WAS WORRIED. YOU HAVEN'T CAUGHT MY COLD HAVE YOU?
THERE'S NO WAY A GOD CAN CATCH COLDS!! I'M ALL RIGHT!!
REALLY? THEN IT'S ALL RIGHT I GUESS.
ANYWAYS, I WAS TALKING ABOUT THIS.
THIS IS... THE GODS WE MET TODAY?
YEAH, KAMEJI EMAILED IT TO ME.
IT REALLY IS AMAZING THAT THERE ARE ALL THESE GODS SO CLOSE BY.

GET IT?
I GUESS.
IF YOU WENT LOOKING, YOU COULD FIND EVEN MORE.
PEOPLE HAVE A LOT OF WISHES.

THERE ARE A LOT MORE GODS THAN THERE WERE A WHILE AGO
I CAN TELL WHENEVER SOMEONE USES GOD'S POWER, NO MATTER WHERE THEY ARE TOO.

A WORLD WHERE WISHES ARE GRANTED HUH...

No no, I don't really have any!!!
That's why, you gotta tell me what your wish is!!
That's right!! It's wonderful!! It's amazing!!
Uoo
What?! I know you have a bunch!! Why won't you tell me?!
I could even cure your cold right away!!
Okay, let's say you fix my cold with God's power.
Yeah.
But then, thanks to the recoil from using it, I'd have massive diarrhea, and my body would melt again.
Yeah.
So I try to fix it again.
Yeah.
And because of that, the recoil kicks in again.
I guess
And because of that, it turns into a vicious spiral of sickness!!

GOD'S POWER IS CERTAINLY AMAZING, BUT
USING GOD'S POWER FOR EACH AND EVERY LITTLE THING WOULD LEAVE ME WORN OUT.
AND I DON'T WANT TO BE THE KIND OF PERSON THAT RELIES ON YOUR POWERS FOR EVERY-THING.
I WANT TO DO THE THINGS I'M ABLE TO, MYSELF.
RATHER THAN USE GOD'S POWER FOR EVERYTHING, I WANT TO LIVE MY OWN LIFE.
ANYWAYS, HOW DID TODAY'S SHOPPING GO?
DID YOU GET ALONG WITH EVERYONE? KOUHAI-K IS PRETTY GOOD AT SHOPPING BUT...

AM I... A HIN-DRANCE?
ARI-YUKI.
WELL, SHE SAID SOME-THING OF HOW I WAS A HINDRANCE TO YOU.
DON'T TELL ME KOUHAI...
K SAID THAT.
WHAT'S WRONG DARU-MIRU, YOU'RE MAKING A LONG FACE~
THERE'S REALLY A LOT OF TENSION BETWEEN THEM HUH..
NO MATTER HOW WELL I EXPLAINED HOW MUCH OF AN IDIOT SHE WAS, SHE JUST DIDN'T GET IT.
ALL WHILE LOOKING SO WISE AND DIGNIFIED AND NOBLE AND LEARNED, WITH THOSE HUGE LUMPS OF FAT HANGING OFF HER.

AFTER ALL, YOU RARELY HAVE ANY WISHES FOR ME.

BUT I THOUGHT MAYBE SHE MIGHT BE RIGHT, A LITTLE BIT.

GOD IS ONLY GOD BECAUSE ITS EXISTENCE IS WISHED FOR.

A GOD THAT IS UNNEEDED

ALL THE GODS I MET TODAY WERE NEEDED BY THEIR VESSELS.
AND THE VESSELS USED THEIR POWERS A LOT FOR EVERYTHING.

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AND EVEN IN THIS LIFESTYLE,
YOU WERE ONLY CONTINUING BECAUSE IT COULDN'T BE HELPED...
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COULDN'T BE....
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ARIYUKI ...?

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THAT'S~
THE TOOTH-BRUSH I BOUGHT TODAY.
DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS IS?
UWAAAA! HEY DON'T JUST THROW STUFF AT ME!! IT'S DANGER-OUS!!
AND THIS!
AND THIS!
AND THIS...
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DO YOU KNOW WHAT ALL THIS IS?
LIKE I SAID...
THIS IS MY BENTOU BOX, A CUP, A PILLOW, A PENCIL BOX,
AND AN ALARM CLOCK AND...
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT
THOSE ARE ALL
YOUR THINGS.

EVERY DAY I TAKE THE SAME PATH TO SCHOOL.
I LIKE EVERYTHING TO BE "NORMAL".
BECAUSE I CAN FEEL AT EASE IF EVERYTHING IS UNCHANGED, YOU KNOW?
THAT'S WHY WHEN YOU CAME AND DESTROYED MY NORMAL LIFE DARUMIRU.
I REALLY WAS KIND OF PISSED.
AND ON TOP OF THAT, THOSE STAR EATERS, AND THEN THE OTHER GODS
EVERYTHING STARTED SPIRALLING OUT OF CONTROL AND MY NORMAL LIFESTYLE WAS DESTROYED...
BUT YOU KNOW,

THAT WASN'T ALL
THE FACT THAT YOU'RE HERE, DARUMIRU ..
THAT'S MY NEW "NORMAL" LIFE.

I WON'T STOP BLAMING YOU-
THAT'S WHY IF YOU VANISH JUST LIKE THAT
SINCE I LIKE EVERYTHING TO BE NORMAL!!
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I'M PART OF ARIYUKI'S "NORMAL" LIFE..
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AND YOU FINALLY MANAGED TO BUY ALL YOUR OWN STUFF TOO..
THIS HOUSE IS TOO BIG FOR ME ALONE, AND MY PARENTS ARE STILL GONE ON THEIR BUSINESS TRIP RIGHT?
SO LET'S JUST FORGET ABOUT THE WHOLE GODS AND WISHES THING ALL RIGHT?
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DARUMIRU, WHAT HAPPENED?!
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THIS IS BECAUSE I'M SO HAPPY, I WANT TO USE MY POWER TO DO SOMETHING, BUT IF I DO THAT THEN ARIYUKI WILL SUFFER FROM THE RECOIL... JUST WHAT SHOULD I DO?...
EEH?! THAT'S HAPPY?
CAN'T YOU TELL JUST BY LOOKING?! I'M HAPPY!!
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AH!!

SHOULD I KISS YOU?! SHOULD I DO SOMETHING ELSE?!
DON'T!!
We do it all the time in Los Angeles
What is this? America or something?
WHAT'LL YOU DO IF YOU CATCH MY COLD?!
WHAT'S WRONG, YOU JAPANESE CHERRY BOY!! DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE STILL A VIRGIN...
ARE YOU SOME KIND OF PERVERT?! DON'T SAY THAT!!
GUESS ALL WE CAN DO NOW IS RUN...
WHERE DID SUCH AN ATHLETIC IDEA COME FROM?!
EEEII! AS I THOUGHT, YOU REALLY DON'T WANT TO DO ANYTHING ARIYUKI!!
AHHH!
OI, STOP !!!
AH

WHAT THE HELL!
HOW COULD I FORGET ABOUT THAT...
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EVEN THOUGH I WAS AFRAID OF IT THE ENTIRE TIME...

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EVERY 30TH RA SALE!

MICHE-KUN, IT'S GOTTEN PRETTY DARK OUT.
ALL RIGHT,
THANKS FOR DOING THIS FOR ME EVERY DAY. I GOT YOU SOME COFFEE
LET ME JUST PUT EVERYTHING AWAY.
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I'LL PAINT YOUR VW TOMOR-ROW
I'LL POLISH UP THE WHEELS TOO.
BUT YOU REALLY DID GRANT MY WISH, GOD...
CAN YOU GRANT ANY OF MY OTHER WISHES TOO. .?
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I WAS RELIEVED...
NO... I LET MYSELF BE RELIEVED.
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GOD...?
I THOUGHT IT WAS A GOOD THING THAT THESE PEOPLE HAD GODS WITH THEM.
AND THAT'S WHY,
WHA...?!
GUU...
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I THOUGHT EVERY-THING HAD ENDED ALREADY.

I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST SOMETHING STUPID ON THE INTERNET.
BUT THE CULPRIT THESE GUYS ARE CHASING IS DEFINITELY NOT HUMAN.
I DON'T WANT TO BELIEVE THAT,
GOD STEPPED ON TO THIS EARTH TO LEAD MANKIND TO DISASTER.....
THE ANTITHESIS OF THE GODS. STAR EATERS. JUST WHAT IS IT THEY ARE AFTER...?
HOW ABOUT IT?
STAR EATERS.
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"THE TREE OF SILENCE BEARS A PEACEFUL CROP"
HEY WE'RE GOING TO SCHOOL.
YOU DIDN'T FORGET ANYTHING DID YOU, DARUMIRU?
THAT'S SUP-POSED TO BE IT BUT
FOR A GOD THAT'S A QUITE FOOLISH QUES-TION TO ASK.
NOPE, I GOT EVERY-THING!
NO!!! YOU'VE COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN YOUR SENSE OF DECENCY!!!
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素足のメテオライト
Meteorite of bare feet
小西幹久
EH!? ITS A LITTLE DRAFTY...
DON'T WALK BOW LEGGED!!!
LOOK, GET SOME PANTS, WE'RE GONNA BE LATE!!!
WELL, YOU DON'T HAVE TO FUSS OVER SUCH MINOR THINGS, I THINK IT'LL DO.
AND BETWEEN GOOD AND PEOPLE, IS IMPORTANT

人と神を巡るサイエンス・ファンタジー!!!

素足のメテオライト

6TH STEP
THE CALM BEFORE THE STORM

Meteorite of bare foot

THE SHADOW THAT STALKS AROUND THE PEACEFUL EVERYDAY LIFE,

平和な日常に忍び寄る影、
人と神の物語は新たな局面を迎える——。

THE TALE OF GODS AND MAN REACHES A NEW PHASE.

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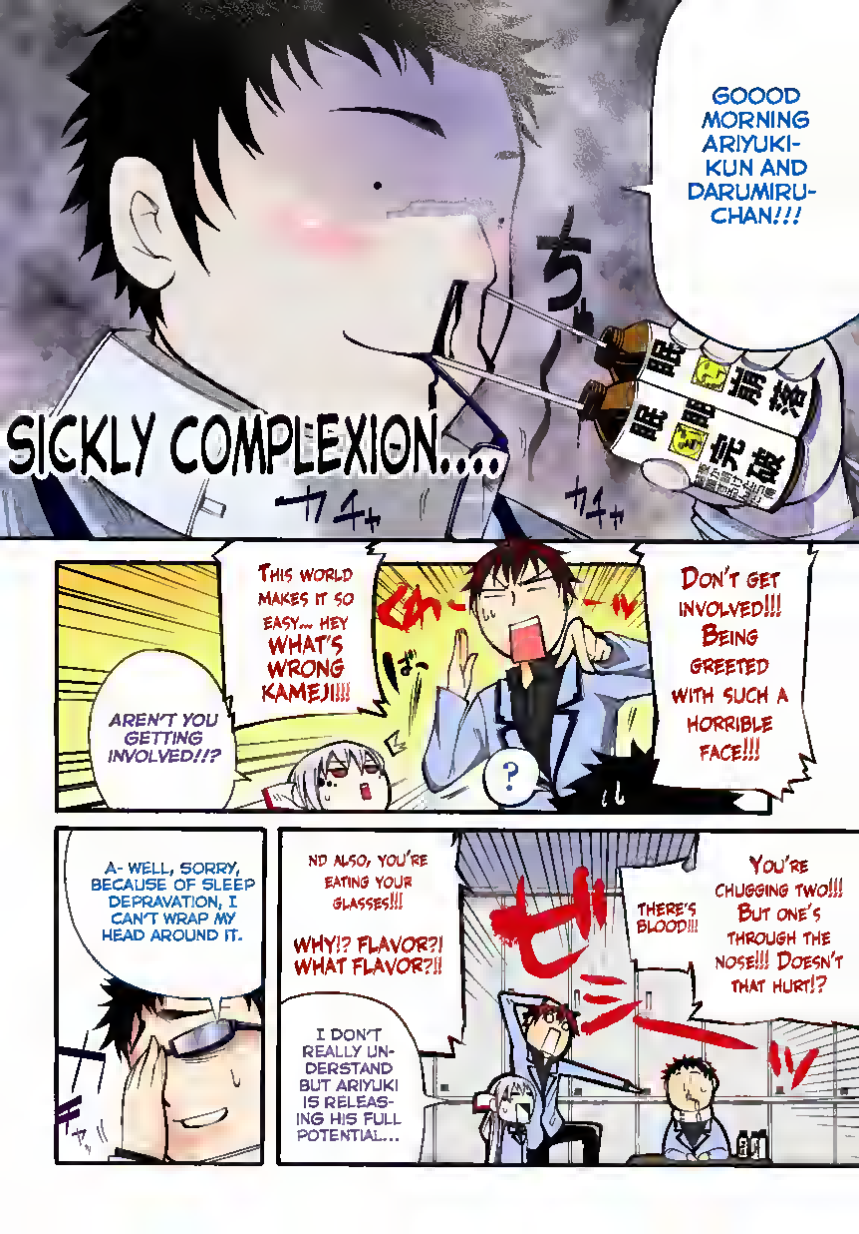
GOOOD MORNING ARIYUKI-KUN AND DARUMIRU-CHAN!!!
SICKLY COMPLEXION...
AREN'T YOU GETTING INVOLVED!!?
THIS WORLD MAKES IT SO EASY... HEY WHAT'S WRONG KAMEJI!!!!
DON'T GET INVOLVED!!! BEING GREETED WITH SUCH A HORRIBLE FACE!!!
A- WELL, SORRY, BECAUSE OF SLEEP DEPRAVATION, I CAN'T WRAP MY HEAD AROUND IT.
ND ALSO, YOU'RE EATING YOUR GLASSES!!!
WHY!? FLAVOR?! WHAT FLAVOR?!!
I DON'T REALLY UN-DERSTAND BUT ARIYUKI IS RELEAS-ING HIS FULL POTENTIAL...
THERE'S BLOOD!!!
YOU'RE CHUGGING TWO!!! BUT ONE'S THROUGH THE NOSE!!! DOESN'T THAT HURT!?

NO WAY!! AS A CLASS REPRESENTATIVE, MOST OF THE SCHOOL'S FACILITIES ARE NORMALLY OPEN TO THEM.
If you say "It's for research" they'll let you use it for sure.
WHAT? KAME IS LIVING AT SCHOOL?
ARE YOU STILL SLEEPING AT SCHOOL?
OOHH, WHEN YOU SAID THAT,
I WAS RELIEVED.
WHY ARE YOU SITTING ON MY LAP?
HOU.
KAMEJI IS STAYING AT THE ROOM HE'S USING.
YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO WRITE A PAPER OR SOMETHING RIGHT?
WELL
I WAS LOOKING INTO THE STAR EATERS.
AND THERE'S LOTS OF GOOD READING MATERIAL HERE IN THE SCHOOL SO...
THE CLUB ROOM'S COMPUTERS GREAT
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STAR EATERS? WHY YOU DOING THAT?
WELL, I JUST HAVE A FEELING.
WHAT ABOUT YOU ARIYUKI-KUN? ABOUT THE LAST STAR EATING RAID...
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EH-? THAT REMINDS ME, I HAVEN'T SEEN THEM IN AWHILE.
...HAVEN'T SEEN THEM?
WELL, WE HAVEN'T BEEN ATTACKED RECENTLY.
And thanks to that, I don't have diarrhea!
I'VE BEEN THINKING, WE'VE BEEN PEACEFULLY PASSING THE TIME HERE.
AND, DARUMIRU HASN'T BEEN USING HER GOD POWERS UNNECESSARILY EITHER.
WELL... SINCE I'VE BEEN ACKNOWLEDGED BY ARIYUKI...
USING MY POWER ISN'T NECCESSARY.... SO...
WHAT!? WHAT'S WITH THIS LOVEY-DOVEY ATMOSPHERE!!!
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MAYBE SINCE DARAMIRU MOVED IN?
I SEE.
GETTING BACK TO THE ISSUE HERE. HOW LONG HAVE THE STAR EATERS BEEN ABSENT?
WELL, I DON'T EXACTLY REMEMBER BUT,
SO SINCE WHEN THE GODLY POWERS HAD BEEN USED.
LET'S SAY FOR THE SAKE OF ARGUMENT THAT THEY WERE DRAWN TO GOD'S POWER.
THEREFORE, WE SHOULDN'T USE GOD'S POWER.
WELL, I DON'T PARTICULARLY FEEL LIKE USING IT BUT,
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YOU DON'T THINK IT'S THAT SIMPLE, DO YOU?
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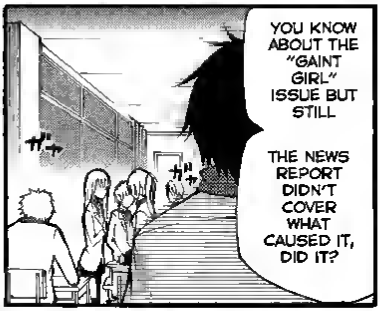
YOU'RE OVER-CONFIDENT.
JUST BECAUSE YOU DEFEATED OVER 10 STAR EATERS, YOU THINK YOU GOT IT.

DID YOU KNOW
ABOUT THE TWO INCIDENTS YESTERDAY?


YOU KNOW ABOUT THE "GAINT GIRL" ISSUE BUT STILL
THE NEWS REPORT DIDN'T COVER WHAT CAUSED IT, DID IT?

NO,
SINCE I WAS SICK IN BED.

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WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
.....

IT WAS A BIZARRE ISSUE!
...IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKELY THAT .. THE PERSON WHO DID IT WILL APPEAR.

DIDN'T YOU SEE THE E-MAIL?
OH, YESTERDAY RIGHT? OF COURSE I SAW IT.
THE NEW GOD AND VESSE—...
THEY WERE THE ONES WHO DIED.
THE INCIDENT ITSELF IS PRETTY WEIRD AND THE NEWS REPORT SEEMS TO BE CENSORING IT BUT,
IT'S ALL IMPOSSIBLE.
ON THE NET, LEAKED INFORMATION HAS BEEN MAKING A STIR.
WHA...
...?

THE MALE AND FEMALE, AS IF SOME SORT OF SUPER CREATURE POUNCED, HAD BEEN SCATTERED OVER 50 METERS.
THEIR TORSOS ARE UNAC-COUNTED FOR.
A MIDDLE AGED MAN ALONG WITH A NEARBY AUTO-MOBILE WERE TORN LIMB FROM LIMB
AND CHUNKS OF FLESH HAVE YET TO BE FOUND.
I'VE NO DOUBT THEY'VE COME OUT.
THEY WERE VICTIMS OF THE STAR EATERS.
TH-THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT...?
CERTAINLY IT SEEMS THAT THE STAR EATERS ARE TARGETING THE GODS.
BUT NO MATTER HOW MUCH I FOUGHT,
NONE OF THEM WERE PARTICU-LARLY HARD BATTLES.

IT'S UNCERTAIN THAT THE STAR EATERS WILL CONTINUE TO COME AS THEY HAVE BEFORE.
SINCE THE ARRIVAL OF GOD, THERE'VE BEEN A SERIES OF UNPRECEDENTED EVENTS.
WELL, FOR EXAMPLE EVEN IF YOU COULD EASILY DEFEAT THE FIRST 100
YOU MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO EVEN SCRATCH THE 101ST.
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IT'S NOT THE BEST, BUT YOU SHOULD COME PREPARED FOR THE WORST POSSIBLE SITUATION.
WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO IT.
YOU'RE NOT IN A POSITION TO DEAL WITH IT.
LOOK, KAMIKURA'S VESSEL IS RIGHT THERE.
SHE DEFEATS STAR EATERS TOO.
C-CERTAINLY IT MIGHT BE DANGEROUS BUT,
DYING~ I HAVEN'T REALLY THOUGHT ABOUT THAT YET.
...NO, I THINK THAT,

THAT GOD PROBABLY DIED A LONG TIME AGO.
W-WHAT ...?
AS YOU SAID, THE STAR EATER'S ONLY GO FOR "GODS" RIGHT?
PEOPLE ONLY GET CAUGHT IN THE CROSS FIRE.
SHE'S L-U-C-K-Y.
Even more so because she believes the gods to be a dream!
IF ONLY THE GOD DIES,
PEOPLE REGAIN THEIR LIVES UP TO THAT POINT.

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DON'T JOKE ABOUT THAT.

I'M ONLY MAKING THE MOST CREDIBLE DEDUCTION HERE.
YOU HAD BETTER RE-THINK YOUR PERSPECTIVE ON STAR EATERS.
HEYYY!!!
WHA!?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING SO EARLY IN THE MORNING!?
IF YOU'RE FIGHTING, DO IT BY THE RIVER AT SUNSET!!!
WHA!? WHAT'S THAT EVEN MEAN!!!?
TSUGITAKE AND DARUMIRU-SAMA, GO TO THE RADIOCHEMICAL ROOM!!! IT'S URGENT!!!
ME AND KAME~?
SINCE WE'RE A STUDENTS, THEY NEED TO LEARN FROM US, I THINK.
In the future too!
YOU'RE A BAD INFLUENCE...
THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO TO KEEP THIS FROM DARUMIRU-CHAN IS THERE...
SENSEI ISN'T WEARING HIS HAIR PIECE TODAY.

KAMEJI ...
THOUGH I DON'T BELIEVE ALL THAT,
LISTEN TO YOUR TEACHER, GOT IT!?
HEY!!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I STILL GOT IT THROUGH MY HEAD.
I UNDERSTAND THAT EVERYTHING YOU SAID WAS FOR MY SAKE.
MY BAD... I WAS STUPID.
THAT'S ENOUGH, THANKS.
THESE WORDS, THEY...

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YOUR LOVE FOR ARIYUKI,
IS INDEED A GOOD THING.
BEING PRAISED BY GOD IS QUITE AN HONOUR.
I'M NOT SAYING THAT, I'M SAYING THAT YOU HAVE A BEAUTIFUL FRIEND-SHIP.
I'M NOT GAY.
UP TO THIS POINT,
WHY HAVEN'T YOU SUG-GESTED THAT ARIYUKI LEAVE ME?
BUT I DON'T UNDER-STAND.

STAR EATERS ARE CERTAINLY FRIGHTENING BUT IF HE WERE TO LEAVE ME,
HE COULD'VE AVOIDED ALL THIS DANGER.
KAMI-KURA'S PRES-CENCE HAS BEEN CON-FIRMED.
SINCE IT'S YOU, I'D THOUGHT YOU'D HAVE ENDED UP THERE BUT...?
.....
BUT, I HAVEN'T GOTTEN IN THE BATH WITH YOU YET~
GO TO HELL.
OH JEEZ, CAN'T YOUR ANSWER SERIOUSLY?
GYAAAAAA, MY EYESSSSSSSS
WELL~ SINCE YOU'RE SO FORCE-FUL.
IT'S NO USE.

NO NEED TO THANK ME.
SINCE HE'S LIKE THAT, I'LL DO ALL I CAN TO BE HELPFUL.
HE'S NOT THE KIND OF PERSON WHO'LL ABANDON OTHERS.
I DON'T EXPECT ARIYUKI TO LET GO OF YOU.
THANK YOU FOR HELPING.
WHAT I'M SAYING IS,
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH BEING FROM A HIGHER PLANE OF EXISTENCE AUTHORITY BUT IF IT WERE A GAME YOU'D INCREASE YOUR LEVEL
IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT BEING PROTECTED BUT...
I HAVE TO ADMIT, I BELIEVE IN DARUMIRU-CHAN'S POWER.
WITH THAT SAID, I HAVEN'T REALLY THOUGHT OF A GOOD IDEA YET...
IT'S PITIFUL ...
HEEEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING !!!??
AHH, THAT'S...
IF YOU DON'T HURRY, YOU'LL MISS CLASS!!!
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SO THIS IS THE KAME WHO PREACHED THAT I WAS A GOD TO ARIYUKI HUH.
WHAT, DON'T YOU BELIEVE IN MY POWERS?
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ARE YOU COMING?
TALKING ABOUT THIS FOR ARIYUKI'S SAKE WON'T DO ANY USE.
AT THAT TIME,
MY DESCRIPTION OF YOU AS A "GOD" WAS,
ULTIMATELY OUT OF CONVENIENCE.
YOU CLAIMED THAT YOU WERE A "GOD" AND,
THROUGH POWER BEYOND HUMAN COMPREHENSION YOU BACKED UP THIS CLAIM.
WE CANNOT HELP BUT BELIEVE THIS IS "GOD".
THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS IN RECOGNIZING AND ACCEPTING GOD IS ONLY NATURAL BUT,
GOD AS "A BEING BEYOND HUMAN COMPREHENSION" IS LOGICAL I THINK.
THAT'S WHAT I CALL "GOD".

EVEN IF THE WORLD WASN'T CREATED IN SEVEN DAYS AND EVEN IF HE COULDN'T TURN WATER INTO WINE,
I WOULD,
CALL HIM A GOD.
SO THAT'S HOW YOU WERE THINKING ABOUT IT~ HUH.
OUT OF COWARDICE YOU SPEAK HARSHLY BUT IT'S FASCINATING.
BY THAT OPINION...
OF COURSE THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH DOING THAT.
YOU MIGHT CLAIM THOSE STAR EATERS "GODS" SO,
CALL THEM "GODS"!

GOD KILLED MORE PEOPLE THAN THE DEVILS DID.
DIDN'T YOU KNOW? IN THE BIBLE,
PEOPLE WHO MURDER WITH IMPUNITY ARE CALLED "DEVILS" RIGHT?
THAT'S AN INTERESTING ASSESSMENT.
—OF HOW GODS CAME TO BE.
I DON'T DESERVE SUCH PRAISE.
BY THE WAY DARUMIRU-CHAN~ YESTERDAY, WHAT HAPPENED TO ARIYUKI?
UM, IT WAS A GOOD NIGHT.
EVEN I WAS SURPRISED BY HIS LATENT POWER.
CAN YOU TELL ME THE DETAILS? LET ME TELL YOU NOW, I'M A GENTLEMAN AND AS A GENTLEMAN I MUST KNOW...

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ARIYUKI!! YOU'RE BURNING IT!!! BURNING IT!!!
WHA?
AAAAAA AAAAAA VENT, VENT!!!!
WHAT'S WRONG ARIYUKI!?
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WHAT'S WRONG ARIYUKI!?
AAA, WELL I'M A LITTLE DAZED...
HOW STRANGE!
THIS IS AUTO MATIC
HAS WHAT KAME SAID BEEN BOTHERING YOU?
WELL... IT'D BE A LIE TO SAY IT HASN'T.

YOU HAVE CONFI-DENCE IN KAME, EH?
NATU-RALLY, I'VE BEEN SAVED BY HIM MANY TIMES.
BUT YOU ALSO BELIEVE IN ME.
SO WISH WITH ALL YOUR HEART.
IF YOU DO, THE STAR EATERS WILL BE EASILY TAKEN BACK.

RE—ALLY
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WE'VE BEEN OKAY UP UNTIL NOW RIGHT?
BELIEVE IN GOD.
ANYWAYS, HERE'S THE FOOD.
I WAS WAIT-ING!!
FOOD FOOD!!
EVERYTHING THAT KAMEJI SAID WAS TRUE SO.
I HAVE TO CHANGE WHATEVER I CAN, DON'T I?
THE FISH IS BURNT, AND THERE'S A SALAD IN THE FRIDGE.
DARUMIRU, GET A BIG DISH PLEASE.
DARUMIRU SHOULDN'T BE ALLOWED TO USE HER POWERS AND...
ALRIGHT! MANI-FEST!!!
OH~
IT'S A GOOD SIZE
...OH!

WHAA... DARUMIRU, NOT THOSE POWERSSSS!!! FROM THE SHELLFFFF!!!
WHA!?
THAT WASN'T A WISH!? DIDN'T YOU DESIRE A WONDERFUL BOWL?
I, I'M SORRY... I JUMPED TO THE WRONG CONCLUSION.
NO, I WISHED BADLY...
DON'T WORRY.
THIS IS GREAT!
IT'S RELATED TO FOOD!?
IT'S A GREAT DISH BUT.
UGH~ CRAMPS ~
HUH!? ARE YOU OKAY?!
I'M OKAY. IT'S BEEN A WHILE SO IT TAKES SOME GETTING USE TO.
I...SSUE...
IT'S A MINOR ...
THIS IS THE RE-ACTION FOR A SINGLE DISH.

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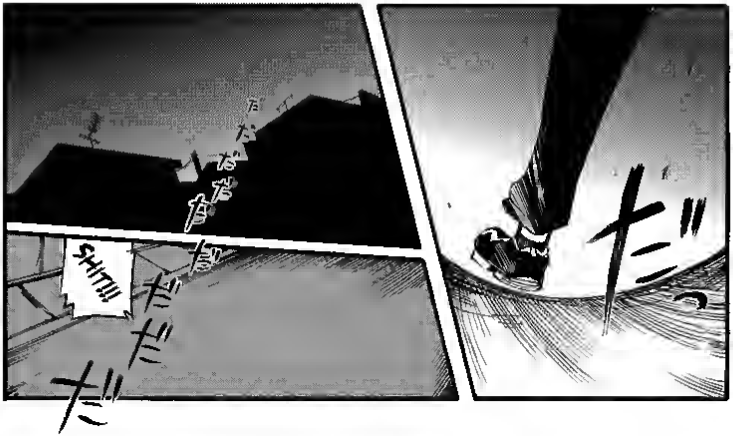
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You used your powers and they really came!
Hurry Ari-yuki!!!
My chest is beating like crazy.
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Its okay!!! It's just an ordinary Star Eater!!!
The dimensional interference hasn't ended!!!

As usual, we've arrived at the water tower in the park.
!
HEY!!
What's wrong Ariyuki!? It's not the reaction right!?
HAA
SOME THING
FEELS OUT OF PLACE.

I FEEL LIKE I'VE SEEN THROUGH THE HOLE MORE DEEPLY.

IT'S MUCH MORE THAN BEFORE.

THE FORM'S... CHANG- ING?

CATCH YOUR BREATH ARI-YUKI... IT'S COMING.
HAA HAA HAA
THREE HANDS
I BELIEVE
THE END OF EVERYDAY LIFE—. THE SOUND OF DEATH...
UNTIL DEATH

「あなたは神サマの存在を信じますか――？」

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Mikihisa Konishi 小西幹久

流れ星に願いをかけた
「普通」を愛する少年・朝里名有介。
彼の前に、「神」を名乗る少女・ダルミルが現われ、
有介の「普通」は瓦解する――。
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THIS IS THE NEW STAR EATER'S POWER!?
7TH STEP
ARE HUMANS HOPEFUL OR HOPELESS WHEN ALIVE?

ARIYUKI! DON'T BE OVERWHELMED! LET'S DEFEAT IT LIKE HOW WE ALWAYS DO!
IT'S ONLY A STAR EATER!!!
ITS APPEARANCE MIGHT BE DIFFERENT BUT ITS POWER IS THE SAME!!!

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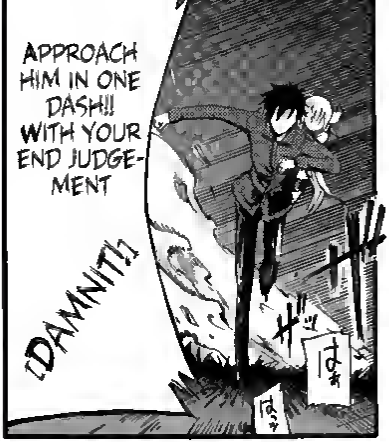
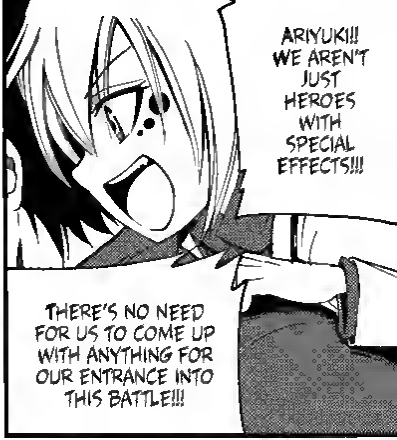
HOW USUAL THEIR TACTLESS ATTACK!!!
THESE STAR EATERS!!!




ARIYUKI!! WE AREN'T JUST HEROES WITH SPECIAL EFFECTS!!!
THERE'S NO NEED FOR US TO COME UP WITH ANYTHING FOR OUR ENTRANCE INTO THIS BATTLE!!!

THAT WAS... HOW WE DID IT EVERY TIME.

BUT TODAY'S-

BUT WHETHER YOU CAN STILL MOVE
PRESUMABLY, IT'S NOT HOW IT WAS THE STRONGEST OR THE MOST SINISTER.
WHAT'S WRONG, ARIYUKI!?
WHY DID YOU STO-...!?

FROM MY BLIND SPOT?
IT WENT THROUGH THE GROUND...
UGOH! A TRAP!?
GUH!!!

THAT WAS A FAKE!? WHAT A CHEEKY BAS-TARD!!!
WHAT!?
IT'S THE RIGHT!!!
IT SEEMS YOU'VE GOTTEN A BIT SMARTER, BUT
THERE ARE THINGS YOU CAN'T CATCH ON SIGHT ALONE.
NEED A COUNTER-ATTACK...

RUN AHEAD, ARIYUKI!!!!
KUH!!!
THERE WAS A SURPRISE ATTACK WHEN THAT ATTACK DISPERSED!!?
RIP
BUT, JUST WHAT'S THAT CRAZY WEAPON HE'S GOT THERE?
WHY IS IT BEING MANIFESTED...?
KUH!!!
ARI-YUKI!?
I'M... FINE... IT ONLY GRAZED ME...

SLEEPY GO-AWAY!!!
眠眠完殺
KAME-SENPAI, WITH THIS, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE LIVING AFTER DEATH!!
I WENT AND BOUGHT SO MANY OTHER LATE NIGHT GOODS!!!
UWAHH-.. THANK YOU...
I EVEN BOTHERED COMING OVER TONIGHT TO BRING THESE
WHAT'S UP WITH THAT WONDERFUL RESPONSE YOU HAVE
NAH, NOT REALLY, I'M SURPRISED YOU EVEN BOTHERED COMING HERE. SO WHY ARE YOU HERE, K-CHAN?
I ONLY DID WHAT ARIYUKI-SENPAI ASKED OF ME. GIVE KAME-SENPAI'S STUFF WHILE HE SEARCHES.
AS I THOUGHT IT'D BE NICE TO DO SOMETHING FOR HIM RIGHT AWAY-
YOU'RE TOO STRAIGHTFORWARD!!!

I CAN'T TELL YOU THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE GODS,
K-CHAN WASN'T SENT BY GOD AFTER ALL.
ISN'T IT JUST INTERESTING WHEN YOU LOOK AT IT/?
AH, YEAH. SOME-THING LIKE THAT
CAN IT BE A REPORT/?
SO, WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?
IF SHE KNOWS THAT DANGER IS CHASING ARIYUKI-KUN...
WELL, IT'S FINE AS LONG AS IT'S NEEDED BY ARIYUKI-SENPAI.
NOTHING, JUST TALKING TO MYSELF.
WHAT'S WRONG, KAME-SENPAI?
I DON'T WANT TO EVEN KNOW WHAT THE OUTCOME WILL BE
DON'T STAY TOO-...
OH WELL, SINCE I HAVE THINGS TO TAKE CARE OF, I'LL BE LEAVING.
NOT LIKE I'M KEEPING A BLIND EYE ON THIS...

KYAHH!!!
-LONG...
WHAT'S WRONG, K-CHAN!!!?
B-BB-
B-Y THE WINDOW-!!!

BUGS ARE HARMLESS.
.... I SEE.
IT'S ALMOST SUMMER, HUH
ARE YOU AFRAID OF... BUGS?
I HATE THEM!!!
THERE ARE BUGS!!!
BY THE WINDOW ...!!!
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GO CLOSE IT NOW!!!
THAT'S WHAT...
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I DON'T NEED YOU TO SAY THAT WITH A "DOYA GAO" FACE.
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I'LL GO CLOSE THE CURTAIN RIGHT AWA-...
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IF IT'S JUST BUGS, IT'LL BE FINE IF YOU JUST IGNORE THEM..
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I'M SORRY...
THAT I MADE A RUCKUS...
NO, IT'S MY FAULT SINCE I THOUGHT IT WAS PRETTY STUFFY INSIDE .. MY BAD.
HERE'S SOME TEA.
THANKS
WELL, IT'S RARE TO SEE SOMEONE LIKE YOU TO HATE BUGS.
IT'S NOTHING TO BE WORRIED ABOUT. BUT I HATE THEM WHEN I RECALL SOMETHING FROM THE PAST
ANYONE WITH THAT PROBLEM,
WOULD BE BAD WITH THEM TOO
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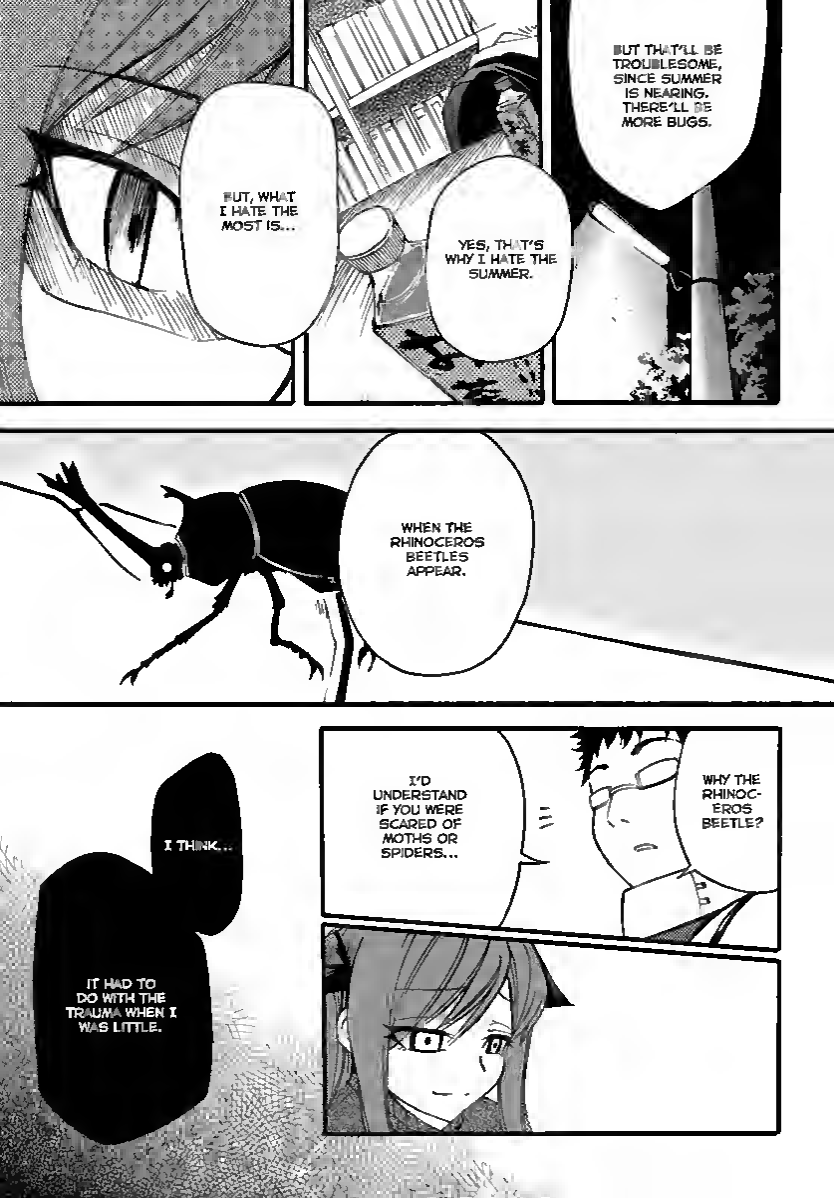
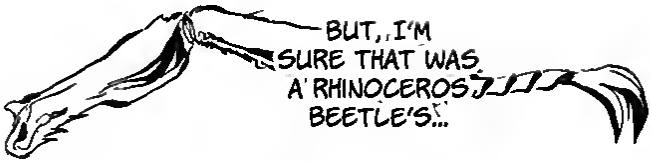
THAT'S TRUE...


BUT THAT'LL BE TROUBLESOME, SINCE SUMMER IS NEARING. THERE'LL BE MORE BUGS.
YES, THAT'S WHY I HATE THE SUMMER.
BUT, WHAT I HATE THE MOST IS...
WHEN THE RHINOCEROS BEETLES APPEAR.
WHY THE RHINOC-EROS BEETLE?
I'D UNDERSTAND IF YOU WERE SCARED OF MOTHS OR SPIDERS...
I THINK...
IT HAD TO DO WITH THE TRAUMA WHEN I WAS LITTLE.

THE RHINOCEROS BEETLE'S LEGS ARE REALLY STRONG YOU KNOW
IT WON'T BUDGE WHEN ITS STUCK TO YOUR CLOTHES
I WAS SCARED WHEN IT CLIMBED UP
WHEN I TRIED PULLING IT OFF ME WITHOUT OVERDOING IT...

I'VE HEARD ABOUT IT BEFORE. THAT IF YOU TRY TO PULL IT OFF, THE HEAD WOULD DETACH FROM ITS BODY.
SO THAT'S YOUR FEAR.
DOES ARIYUKI-SENPAI KNOW ABOUT THIS?
NO, SINCE I DON'T WANT HIM TO THINK I WAS SUCH A LOWLY GIRL.
I THOUGHT KNOWING A GIRL'S WEAKNESS WAS A CHARM.
THANKS..
BUT IF YOU SAY SO, I'LL KEEP QUIET.
-HM?
RHINOCEROS BEETLE?

IT CAN'T BE.


BUT, I'M SURE THAT WAS A RHINOCEROS BEETLE'S...

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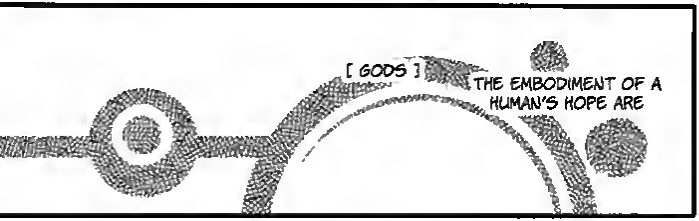
WHAT'S WRONG, KAME-SENPAI...?
K-CHAN.

THAT'S RIGHT. AT THAT TIME, THE CHOSEN ONE FOR THE STAR EATERS' NEXT DIMENSION'S MEDIUM WAS...

I SEE, SO THAT'S IT.
NO, IT'S NOTHING REALLY...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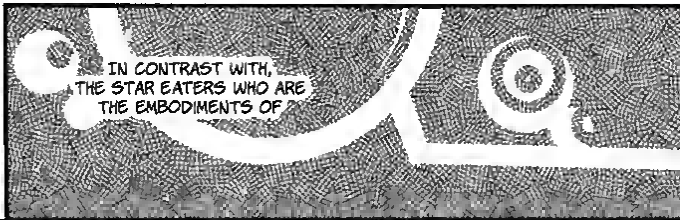
IN CONTRAST WITH, THE STAR EATERS WHO ARE THE EMBODIMENTS OF

HUMANKIND'S DESPAIR...

TALK TO ME!!!
WHAT'S WRONG, ARIYUKI!!!
CAN YOU HEAR ME!?
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IT'S JUST THAT YOUR WEAKENING!!!
IT'S NOT THAT HIS DESTRUCTIVE POWER IS INCREASING,

IT SEEMS THE STAR EATER THIS TIME ISN'T THE SAME AS THE USUAL.
HIS WEAPON MANIFESTATION RATE KEEPS INCREASING.
HE CATCHES UP TO US EVEN WHEN WE ATTACK HIM FROM UP CLOSE.

WHAT ARE YOU SO AFRAID OF!!?
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I UNDERSTAND THAT THE STAR EATER IS CHANGING QUICKLY. BUT IT'S STILL A STAR EATER IN THE END!
JUDGING BY ITS FRONT, IF WE USE OUR SPECIAL ATTACK TO KILL IT...
ITS FRONT? IMPOSSIBLE
I WANT TO TELL YOU THAT IT'S GATHERING UP SCISSORS AND CUTTERS, WRITING UTENSILS!
HOWEVER, THOSE ARE THINGS I'M MOST BAD WITH HERE!
MOREOVER, TO SUDDENLY SUMMON UP THAT MANY UTENSILS AT ONCE...

EVEN I CAN'T BREATHE IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS!!!

尖端恐怖症

FEAR OF POINTED OBJECTS

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AICHMOPHOBIA

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HE... WASN'T... AFFECTED?
GAHH...
DON'T LET YOUR EYES DECEIVE YOU!!!!
IT WAS JUST AN ILLUSION!!!! THE SECOND BATTLE IS ABOUT TO BEGIN...

MY FIELD OF VISION... I'M GETTING NAUSEATED.
IT HURTS SO MUCH, I CAN'T MOVE...
MAKE A WISH!!! SO I CAN HELP YOU BECOME STRONGER...
ARI-YUKI!!! HANG IN THERE!!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, DARU-MIRU.
HURRY AND...
IT'S COMING.

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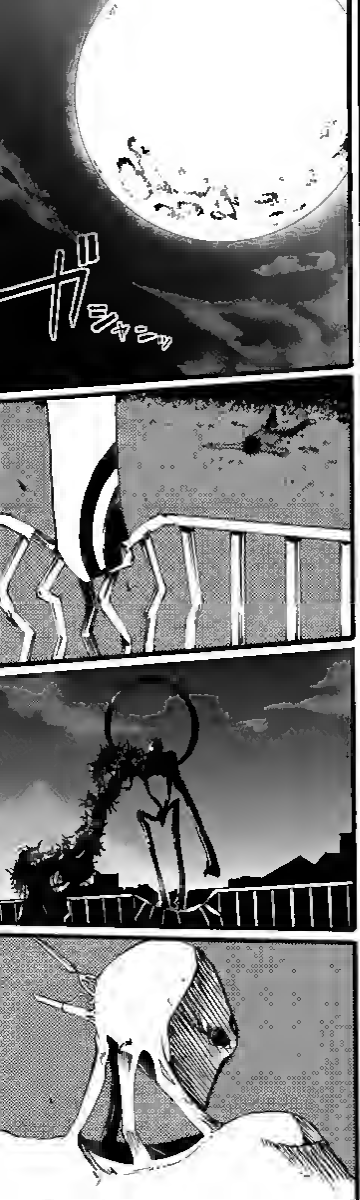
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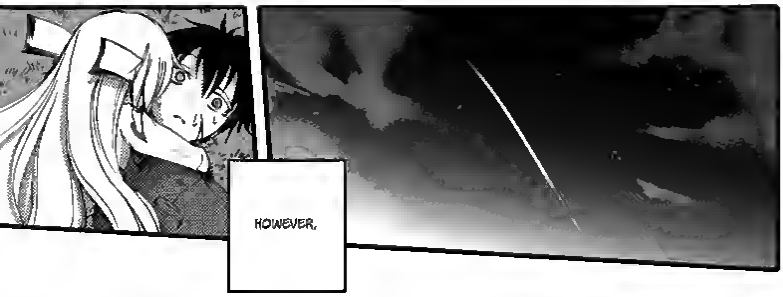
DID YOU SEE THAT...? DID I GET HIM?
.....
OWWW... OW!!!
... YOU'RE CRYING?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU... WERE YOU THAT SCARED...?
ANY INJURIES...?

I DIDN'T HAVE ANY MORE ENERGY TO THINK OF THE REASON WHY IT DECIDED TO FLEE

WHAT A CRYBABY GOD.



THERE WAS SOMETHING I HAPPENED TO REMEMBER

THIS ENCOUNTER SEEMED TO FOLLOW "THAT" FOLKLORE,

SHOOTING STAR

IT'S "THE ONE THING THAT GRANTS WISHES."

THERE'S ALSO THAT "ONE THING THAT..."

"SHOWS DEATH."

WHAT WOULD YOU GET FROM SAVING ME...
I WOULD LAUGH AT THIS IRONY.
YOU IDIOT.
WHERE'S YOUR "SAVE ME" WISH...
I GRIEVED THAT IT WOULD BE A CONTRADICTION
DON'T DO THAT AGAIN...
HOWEVER, I'M UNABLE TO DO THAT.

SO IT EXISTS.
THAT STROKE OF "GOOD LUCK."
!!?
EITHER WAY,
THE NEXT ENCOUNTER WILL BE MUCH MORE FATAL TO YOUR OWN LIVES.
I THINK THE PRESSURE OF DEATH WILL CRUSH YOUR BODIES.
I BELIEVE IT'S QUITE SO.
IF WE HAD POSTPONED OUR TIMING.
WE COULD'VE USED THE POWER OF A NEARBY GOD.

MAYBE "EVIL LUCK" WILL SUIT YOU BEST...
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, MY VESSEL?
THE REASON BEHIND THIS MEETING IS...
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「あなたは神サマの存在を
信じますか――？」

素足のメテオライト 1

Mukuhsa Konishi 小西幹久

流れ星に願いをかけた
「普通」を愛する少年・朝田名有介。
彼の前に、「神」を名乗る少女・ダルミルが現われ、
有介の「普通」は瓦解する――。
新進気鋭作家・小西幹久が綴る人と神を巡る
サイエンス・ファンタジー!!

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